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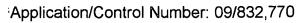
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1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on	<u> </u>				
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b)	This action is non-final.				
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.  Disposition of Claims					
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-152</u> is/are pending in the applic	ation.				
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are with	drawn from consideration.				
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.					
6)☐ Claim(s) is/are rejected.		· ·			
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	•	·			
8) Claim(s) <u>1-152</u> are subject to restriction and	d/or election requirement.				
Application Papers		·			
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Exam	iner.				
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) a	ccepted or b) objected to	by the Examiner.			
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11)☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on		disapproved by the Examiner.			
If approved, corrected drawings are required in	, ,				
12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the	Examiner.				
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120					
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).					
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:					
1. Certified copies of the priority docum					
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No					
<ul> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the paper application from the International</li> <li>* See the attached detailed Office action for a</li> </ul>	Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a	)).			
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s	5) 🔲 Notice	ew Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)			
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## Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Each one of the fourteen species shown in Figs. 2, 12, 18, 26, 29, 31, 35, 40, 42, 59, 64, 68 and 70, respectively.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, none of the claims is generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vit W. Miska whose telephone number is 703-308-3096. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on 703-308-3121. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-4900.

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